the area of Point 3260, which is 1800 metre East of Loonda post. The intrusion was evicted by appropriate action of ground troops and Air Force on 2nd August 2002.

Point 3260 is not considered tactically important and viable for physical occupation by our own troops. Being in close proximity of the Line of Control and the area not being physically occupied, Pakistan troops had intruded into this area. However, since the area is regularly patrolled by our own troops, they observed presence of some Pakistan troops in the area of Point 3260 on 26th July 2002, and suitable action was taken to evict the intrusion and to restore the sanctity of the Line of Control. As such, no enquiry was ordered into the incident.

It would not be correct to draw a parallel of this minor incursion with the Pakistan intrusion in Kargil.

Persons killed during Encounter with Terrorists

†1514. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians, soldiers, para-military personnels killed during encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and other places during last one year; and

(b) the relief provided/propose to be provided by Government to them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The details of Army personnel killed during last one year (1st November, 2001 to 13th November, 2002) are as under:

Officers	Junior Commissioned Officers	Other Ranks	Total
25	24	239	288

Casualty figures of 2002 may be subject to minor modification.

Number of civilians and security personnel killed in Jammu and Kashmir during the period 1.11.2001 to 31.10.2002.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Civilians	Security Personnel	Total
978	478	1456

(b) A comprehensive welfare package for the Army, which includes *ex-gratia* lump sum compensation in a graded scale, liberalized special family pension on the basis of last pay drawn by the deceased soldier, death gratuity and family gratuity as per specified rates as applicable and Army Group Insurance Cover as applicable, has been worked out and implemented for the next of kin of those killed in enemy/terrorist action. Payment of dues is a continuing process and all benefits as applicable to the next of kin of deceased soldiers are being paid on completion of necessary documentation and on meeting of legal requirements.

Pull out of security forces along LoC

1515. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision to pull out security forces along LoC in Jammu and Kashmir and borders in Punjab and Rajasthan has been taken under external diplomatic pressure or internal compulsions after elections in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor since the newly elected political groups in Pakistan are known for their anti-Indian hostile stances?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) On 16th October 2002, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), after deliberation and upon examination of all the aspects of the continued deployment of the armed forces along the border with Pakistan, decided that as the Armed Forces had, with great distinction, achieved the objectives assigned to them, they may now be re-deployed from position on the International Border, without impairing their capacity to respond decisively to any emergency. However, there will be no lowering of the vigil in Jammu and Kashmir. The CCS placed on record and acknowledged its wholehearted appreciation of the conduct of the Armed Forces and noted that the successful completion of the elections in Jammu and Kashmir had capped their achievements.